

Appl. No. 10/716,911
Amend. dated Aug. 31, 2004
Resp. to Office Action of June 2, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of June 2, 2004, relating to the above-identified application.

The claims in this application are: 2-4, 6-11. Claims 9-11 were added in the Preliminary Amendment of May 10, 2004, to encompass additional embodiments in the present invention. Applicants request the Examiner to act on and examine Claims 9 to 11, as well as Claims 2-4 and 6-8.

Claims 1 and 5 were previously cancelled.

The specification has been amended to correct page 2, line 9.

Also, a corrected page for the PTO-1449 is attached hereto.

Claims 2 and 6 have been amended to address the issues raised under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed all claims comply with the Examiner's comments.

A request for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee are also enclosed.

Favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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